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ELECTIONS AND NOMINATIONS

Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 25 September 1992, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed organizational session for 1993, will be called upon to appoint three members to serve on the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), when the term of office of three members expires on 30 June 1993. In the same note verbale, the Secretary-General requested Governments to submit the names and curricula vitae of candidates not later than 31 January 1993.
2. Under the provisions of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I below.
3. At its first regular session of 1983, the Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies should be filled by the appointment of one member from the three regional groups concerned.
4. The following candidates were nominated by their Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note verbale. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II below.

African States

Noëlie Kangoye (Burkina Faso)

Faiza Kefi (Tunisia)

Mamolete Pitso (Lesotho)

Meenakshi Seetulsingh (Mauritius)

Asian States

Haya Hussain Al-Shomaly (Bahrain)

Sonia Ibrahim Atiyah (Lebanon)

Western European and other States

Daniela Colombo (Italy)

Annex I

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Membership from 1 July 1992

	<u>Term expires on</u> <u>30 June</u>
Ihsan Abdalla Algabshaw (Sudan)	1995
Fátima Benslimane Hassar (Morocco)	1994
Gule Afruz Mahbub (Bangladesh)	1994
Aida González Martínez (Mexico)	1995
Gertrude Ibengwe Mongella (United Republic of Tanzania)*+	1993
Amara Pongsapich (Thailand)*	1993
Els Postel-Coster (Netherlands)	1995
Pilar Escario Rodríguez-Spiteri (Spain)*	1993
Gail Saunders (Bahamas)	1994
Renata Siemianska-Zochowska (Poland)	1994
Kristin Tornes (Norway)	1994

* Retiring member.

+ Appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations as Secretary-General of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace (1995), with effect from 1 January 1993.

Annex II

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Haya Hussain Al-Shomaly (Bahrain). Director of the Department of Social Research and Assistance. Specializes in social development and social welfare programmes and services. Responsible for the preparation of studies and reports on, for example, social indicators; the effect of foreign child-care personnel on the characteristics of the family; the situation of the aged; the economic and social situation of Bahraini women and other aspects related to the national socio-economic context. Has organized a number of symposiums and training courses at the national level on various aspects of social development. Has participated in conferences at the international and regional levels related to the situation of Arab women, with special focus on their participation in development.

Sonia Ibrahim Atiyah (Lebanon). A lawyer by profession. Currently Vice-President of the Lebanese Council of Women. Represented the Beirut Bar Association at the Council of the Arab Federation of Lawyers. Former Vice-President of the Committee on the State of Arab Women. Author of many papers on the topics of family, women and the necessary change in legislation, and the enacting of new laws concerning women. Has participated in several conferences on the status of women and the family, focusing on the social and legal aspects. Represented Lebanon at the Conference of Women of the Mediterranean held in Valencia, Spain, in November 1992.

Daniela Colombo (Italy). President and founder of the Italian Association for Women in Development (AIDOS), a private, non-profit organization and focal point of INSTRAW, which carries out research, project, information and networking activities, particularly in developing countries. Has participated in and presented papers at numerous international conferences, seminars and workshops concerned with women. Has been a member of the delegation of Italy to the Commission on the Status of Women and has also represented the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Women in Development (WID) expert group meetings organized by the European Economic Community and in the Development Assistance Committee/WID group of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Served on the Board of Trustees of INSTRAW from 1985 to 1990, during which period represented INSTRAW at international conferences and actively assisted in fund-raising for the Institute. Author of a number of publications concerning the condition and status of women.

Noëlie Kangoye (Burkina Faso). Director of the Research Centre for Social Development, Ouagadougou. The Centre is under the direction of the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and the Family and is responsible for action-oriented research on issues related to women's health. The Centre is also responsible for training the staff of the Ministry to make them more gender-sensitive. Has extensive experience in training different community-level groups with a view to their participation in national development schemes. Is also experienced in elaborating, coordinating and evaluating training programmes for field staff. Has participated in a number of conferences at national and regional levels related to health, social welfare and social development.

Faiza Kefi (Tunisia). Administrator-Counsellor at the Ministry of Planning and Regional Development. Former Deputy-Director of Planning within the Ministry of Education. From 1984 to 1986 was with the Ministry for the Family and the Advancement of Women and was responsible for setting up five divisions: planning, research, statistics, documentation and information. Was responsible for the organization of seminars at the national level on urbanization and its impact on the family; services required by the family; and training in home economics. Currently involved in overseeing the implementation of the national plan in such sectors as employment, education, professional training, youth and the child. Has participated in numerous international and regional conferences relevant to women, education and planning.

Mamolete Pitso (Lesotho). Director of the Lesotho Institute of Public Administration. Responsible, among other tasks, for the planning, management, implementation and evaluation of Civil Service management training programmes, as well as coordination of institutional physical and human resource projects. Former Director of the National Manpower Development Secretariat responsible for planning of human resource requirements at the national level, training needs assessment and implementation of national training policies. Has represented her country in many human resource development and training conferences for Southern African Commonwealth member States. Was Chairperson of the Committee on Equality in Employment of the International Labour Conference at its seventy-first session.

Meenakshi Seetulsingh (Mauritius). Director, Mauritius College of the Air. Primarily involved in the production of media material to support education at all levels. Has specialized in distance education and the role of the media in distance education and the organization of correspondence teaching. Was honoured for valuable and significant contribution in the field of family planning by the Ministry of Health of Mauritius in 1991. Has participated in a number of international and regional conferences and workshops on the utilization of educational television for children in developing countries, and distance education.
